

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an image processor that enables recognition of a specific image such as an image of which the printing is prohibited at high speed and in addition, with high precision. Image data input to an image formation device is converted to output image data in a PDL conversion unit and it is determined in a preliminary determination unit whether a certain condition is met or not. Only if the certain condition is met, processing for recognizing the specific image is executed by a recognition unit. If the certain condition is not met, it is considered that the possibility of including the specific image is low and no processing for recognizing the specific image is executed. Therefore, the processing can be sped up by the quantity in which no recognition processing is executed. Also, as recognition processing is executed if the certain condition is met and there is the possibility of including the specific image, the precision of recognizing the specific image is never deteriorated.